

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 9 and 15-16 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 6-8 and 12-14 are rejected. Claims 10 and 11 are objected to. Claims 10 and 11 are cancelled.

Claims 6-8 and 12-14 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hembre. Claim 6 includes "...a socket for receiving a DUT, the socket having pins with ends for making electrical contact with the DUT and opposing ends for making contact with a test board; the test board adjoining the socket, the test board having pin receptacles for receiving the opposing ends of the pins ...". Claim 12 includes "... a pin receptacle on the contact area for receiving a pin, for thereby making staunch electrical contact between the pin and contact point." The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claims 6 and 12. The Hembre reference does not show pin receptacles in the test board. 106 in Hembre does not disclose a pin receptacle. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6. Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12.

Therefore, claims 6-8 and 12-14 are believed to be allowable over Hembre.

Claims 6-8 and 12-14 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Frederickson. Claim 6 includes "...a socket for receiving a DUT, the socket having pins with ends for making electrical contact with the DUT and opposing ends for making contact with a test board; the test board adjoining the socket, the

test board having pin receptacles for receiving the opposing ends of the pins ...". Claim 12 includes "... a pin receptacle on the contact area for receiving a pin, for thereby making staunch electrical contact between the pin and contact point." The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claims 6 and 12. The Fredrickson reference does not show pin receptacles in the test board. 618 in Fredrickson is not a pin receptacle, it is solder (column 6, line 38). Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6. Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12. Therefore, claims 6-8 and 12-14 are believed to be allowable over Fredrickson.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bardsley. Claim 6 includes "...a socket for receiving a DUT, the socket having pins with ends for making electrical contact with the DUT and opposing ends for making contact with a test board; the test board adjoining the socket, the test board having pin receptacles for receiving the opposing ends of the pins ...". The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claim 6. The Bardsley reference does not show pin receptacles in the test board. Therefore, claim 6 is believed to be allowable over Bardsley.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Motooka. Claim 6 includes "...a socket for receiving a DUT, the socket having pins with ends for making electrical contact with the DUT and opposing ends for making contact with a test board; the test board adjoining the socket, the test board having pin receptacles for receiving the opposing ends of the pins ...". The

references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claim 6. The Motooka reference does not show pin receptacles in the test board. Therefore, claim 6 is believed to be allowable over Motooka.

It is believed that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Official Action. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

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